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All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

It is noted that benefit was not granted to 07/695,343 (and its European counterpart) because benefit was not claimed in intervening application 07/991,237. It is further noted that Applicant has filed a reissue application (09/115,963) to correct this deficiency but until such time as the reissue is granted, the benefit cannot be accorded.

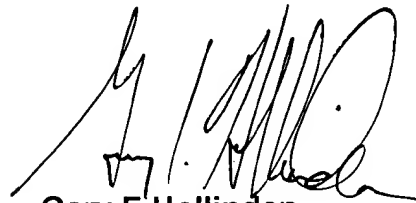
The Information Disclosure statements filed on January 5, 1998 and November 24, 1998 have been considered.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary E Hollinden whose telephone number is 703/308-4521. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30am to 3pm, Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jose Dees can be reached on 703/308-4628. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703/308-4556 for regular communications and 703/308-4556 for After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703/308-1235.

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Gary E Hollinden
Primary Examiner
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